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(b) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such starvation deaths?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" In view of the fact that in the mahazar signed by about 40 persons of the village reference was made to this death, may I know whether the Government enquired of these persons regarding this death? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. An enquiry was made and the death seems to have occurred not on that particular date but on a different date. The person seems to have died after suffering from fever for two or three months and all the other members of the family are quite all right and they have not been starving for want of food."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know who made the enquiry into this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Tahsildar made the enquiry and the statement of the uncle of the deceased person was also taken."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" అన్నంలేక చాలా దినాలు కస్తు వుండడము వల్ల రోగాలు సంభవించుచున్నవి. ఆ రోగాలద్వారా చనిపోవుచున్నారు. ఇవి ఆకలిచావులు కావని ప్రభుత్వం నిరూపించుచున్నది. ఆకలి చావులకు నిర్వచనం చెప్పుతారా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member puts a general question. If he puts a supplementary question on the main question, I am prepared to answer."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister made a long statement the other day on starvation deaths. So I pass on to the next question."

Agricultural Demonstrators.

* 101 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many seats of Demonstrators of Agriculture are reserved for Harijans in the Madras State?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Agricultural Demonstrators are included in the category of upper subordinates in Category 1, Class I of the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service. Three out of every 20 appointments to these posts are reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know what the total number of demonstrators in the State is? "

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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" സാർ, ഇതിൽ എത്ര സീററുകളാണ് മലബാർ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു നീക്കിവെച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത് ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" Is the Government Order reserving posts for Harijans and Backward Classes being implemented and if so, in what way? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is being implemented as I said in the answer to the original question. When appointments are made, 3 out of 20 posts are reserved for Harijans. If there are applications from Harijans they are appointed. If there are no applications the appointments are passed on to others."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Will the Government consider the proposal to locate the office of the Demonstrator and the agricultural depots in the jurisdiction of that Demonstrator, Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI BOJJA APPALASWAMI :—" మద్రాసు స్టేటులో Agricultural Demonstrators గా హరిజనులనుగూడ యింతమందిని నియమించాలనే G.O. ప్రకారం, హరిజనులను నియమించి వున్నారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" అధికాహారోత్పత్తి కావలసివస్తే రైతులకు ఆధునిక వ్యవసాయ పద్ధతులు తెలియడం అవసరం. కావున demonstrators సంఖ్య హెచ్చించి రైతులకు కొద్దికాలపు వ్యవసాయ స్కూళ్ళు పెట్టుటకు ప్రభుత్వం ప్రయత్నించుతుందా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We are trying to have at least two Demonstrators for each taluk and have separate headquarters for the second Demonstrator. These Demonstrators with the fieldmen and the maistries will be able to educate the masses, the agriculturists especially, regarding the new methods of cultivation, seeds, etc."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know whether there is one District Officer . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question is about Demonstrators."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know what their pay is and whether they are gazetted or non-gazetted officers? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" They are classed as Upper Subordinates in Category I, Class I of the Agricultural Subordinate Service."